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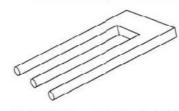
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SO WHAT'S YOUR POLUYT?



The "POIUYT" was introduced by MAD in issue number 93 (March '65). The "Usual Gang of Idiots" gave an unpronounceable name to an optical illusion. Yesterday, I realized that P-O-I-U-Y-T is six consecutive typewriter letters starting backwards from the P. In other words, it took me over 31 years to get this joke.

Jerry Moore Cerritos, CA

Jer - You got the joke? Great! Now you can finally move on to issue #94! We look forward to hearing from you about the jokes you got from that issue in the year 2027! -Ed.

THE SCHMUCK STOPS HERE

How much of a schmuck do you have to be to get your letter in MAD?

Derek Elton Seattle, WA

Derek - We think you hit it just about right! You made the cut! You crossed that invisible line in the sand! Hit the nail on the head! Bullseye! Bingol Ringer! Picked up the 7-10 split! Scored a hat trick! Cleared the bases! Rang the bell! Got Boardwalk and Park Placel Goooooooall You follow, schmuck? |- Ed.

P.S. — If you don't know what all these phrases mean, visit your local King County Library!





WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE CLUB OF '65?

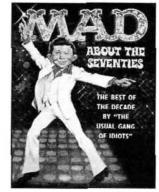




Seth Ammerman, M.D. of Palo Alto, CA was recently rummaging around his mom's basement when he found the photo on the left, documenting the first meeting of the MAD Club of Somerset, MD in July, 1965! Seth's dachshund, Dolly, was the club mascot. On the right is Dr. Seth today with his new mascot, Camille! We checked our records, Seth, and discovered you never sent us our share of the club dues. With interest, you owe us \$739,459,23! We're expecting your check this week! Thanks for letting us know! Fa fa!

LETTERS &

MAD ABOUT THE SEVENTIES



Do you have your copy of MAD About the Seventies yet? Just published by Little, Brown and Company, the book presents the best (?) of MAD satire printed during the comical decade that gave us Watergate, Jimmy Carter, Disco, Star Wars, Gas shortages, Charlie's Angels...and Dave Berg's in there tool Look for it at a bookstore near you! And have a nice day!

MAD READER GETS BENT

I think that you should change the way that you sell your magazines at the newsstand. I bought an issue a while ago and something terrible happened. When I brought it to the checkout counter and had it rung up, the computer broke (freak accident). I had to stay until it was fixed (20 minutes) or I wouldn't get my MAD. That would be bad. During this wait, the dolt clerk took the magazine, rolled it up and bashed it on the counter! The nerve! By the time I got my magazine, it was ripped, bent and looked old. When I asked for a new one, she (the clerk) stated, "If it's bent by your fault, you have to keep it." Like hell! She bent it when she bashed it. A long talk after, I got a new one. I think you should have the magazines in plastic with a bend guard.

Val Lovely Boise, ID

Val — We assume your request for a "bend guard" was a typographical error since we couldn't locate any. The closest thing we could find was Bengay, so we assume that's what you meant! Therefore, starting next issue, every copy of MAD will be slathered with Bengay, and all our readers will have you to thank! —Ed.

INSIGNIFICANT DATA

CD-ROM ALERT!

Want to listen to the songs from MAD Grooves on the free CD-ROM in this issue but you don't have a computer? Then just pop it in your CD player! Track 2 is Barely Alive, Track 3 is Blind Date and Track 4 is It's a Gas! Why no track #1? Because no MAD music will ever make it to #1! Fo!

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TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

GOD ONLY KNOWS

I would just like to tell you that in your "What if God Was One of Us?" article (MAD #347) you stated that God wrote the Bible in the Larry King section of the satire. This is wrong. Prophets and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote the Bible. Maybe you guys should hire a Priest or Religion Editor!

Ryan Born La Crosse, WI

Brother Ryan — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? What the heck do the New Kide on the Block have to do with the Bible?? Besides, if God didn't write the Bible, then why has he been collecting royalties on it for the last unkajillion years? Man, we smell lawsuit! —Ed.



I have several problems with your "What if God Was One of Us?" feature (MAD #347);

 Regardless of Joan Osborne's evident lack of brain cells, the question is in the subjunctive mood, and thus should read "What if God Were One of Us?".

2) God wearing glasses? Come on! The Omniscient One needs glasses? Get real!

3) The Jeopardy! joke has already been made in cartoon form; just ask Gary Larson of The Far Side fame. In that panel, by the way, you misspell "omniscient."

4) If God gets "to come out first on Larry King Live," why does Larry say, "We're spending

our final minutes with God!"

5) Woody Allen is disgusted by God having "crab meat caught in his beard." God, I assure you, would keep Kosher! Crab meat is prohibited! Much like MAD should be for these blatant errors!

Lex Friedman Wyomissing, PA

Lexus — Reading over your ponderous points gave our minds a chance to wander and think about a few questions we'd like to ask God (if He were one of usl):

 What in the name of You were You thinking when you made Lex Friedman?

2) Would You be willing to take Lex back NOW?

3) Short of #2, would You consider condemning him for all eternity to the flery pite of hell, where the flames of Satan would lap and lick at his flesh on a daily basis?

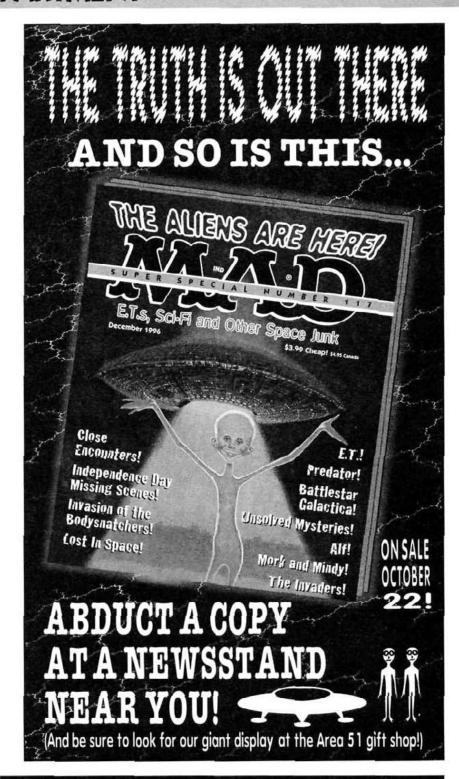
4) Short of #3, could You just send him on one of those hellish Kathie Lee Carnival Cruises?

5) Do you eat crab meat?

Thanks for writing, and may God bless youl -Ed.

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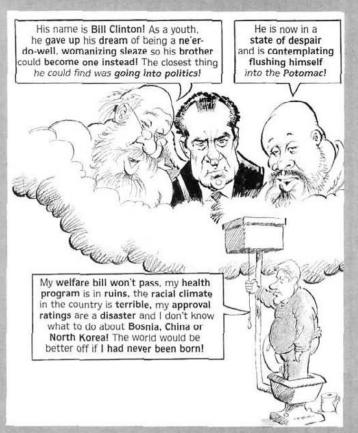
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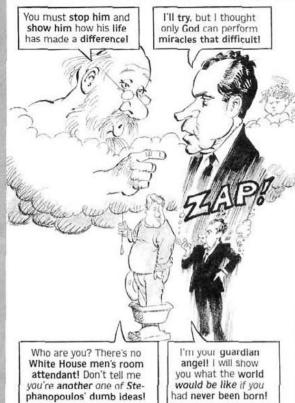
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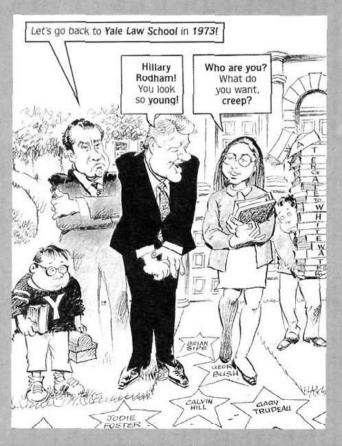
It's a Wonderful Life is a heartwarming film about the positive impact one man's life had on all those around him. It starred Jimmy Stewart as the troubled man who learns a valuable lesson. Over the years it's become an American classic, enjoyed by generations. It's a Blunderful Life is a less-than-heartwarming movie satire about the questionable impact one man's election had on all those around him. It stars Bill Clinton as the troubled politician who never seems to learn his lesson. Hopefully, this too will become an American classic enjoyed by generations. Given MAD's policy of reprinting articles over and over again in Super Specials, we think that's pretty much a done deal! Here's...

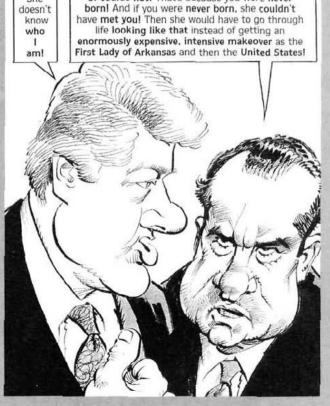








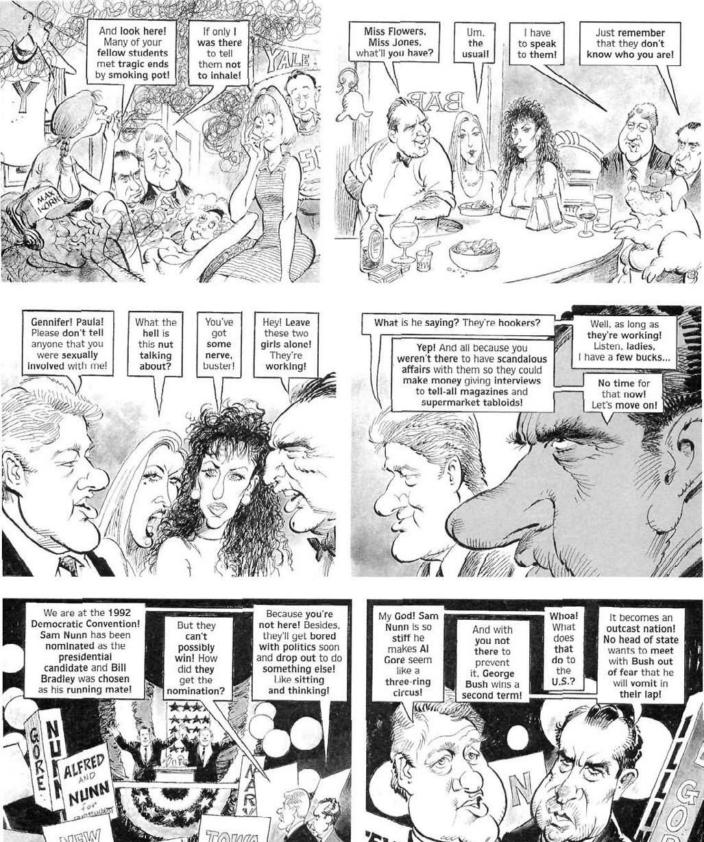


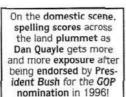


Of course not! That's because you were never

She

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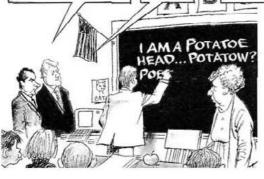




Quayle in '96? Now I feel like vomiting in your lap! If there are any gay servicemen here, they don't have to be afraid any longer! My policy of "Don't ask, don't tell, don't cuddle" makes sexual orientation discrimination a thing of the past!

Are you nuts? In the Bush/Cheney/
Powell army if you're found
with a Judy Garland, Barbra
Streisand or Bette Midler album,
it's grounds for automatic dishonorable discharge! Of course,
you being a draft dodger, you never
had to worry about such things!

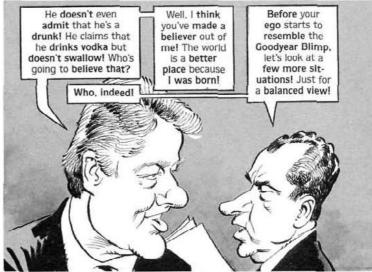
Yeltsin is smashed again! He's a scream! But this time it looks like he's going to fall on his face!

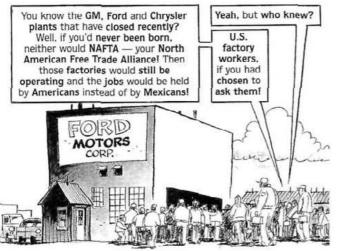




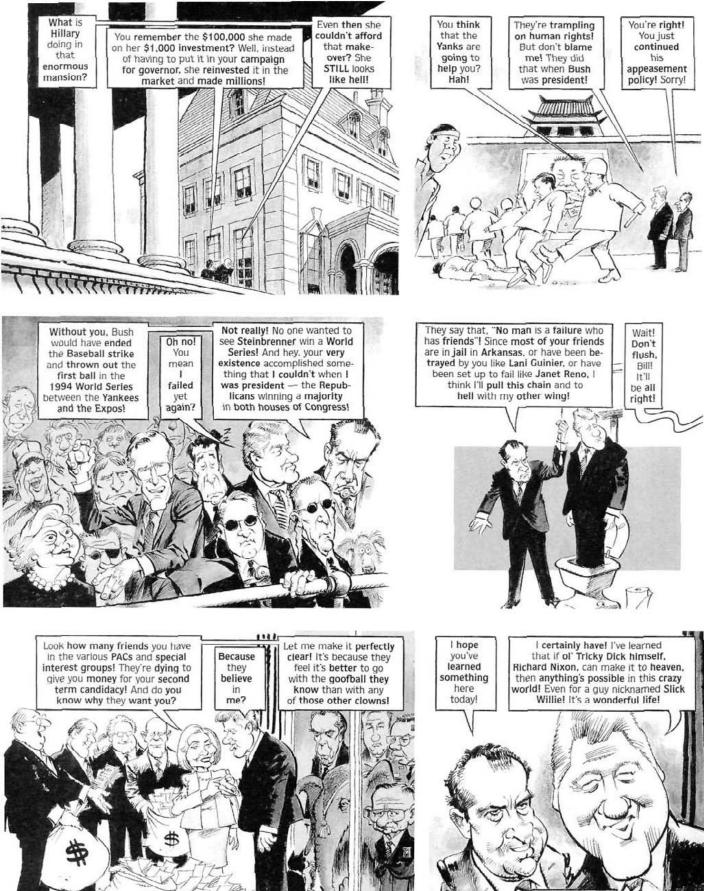






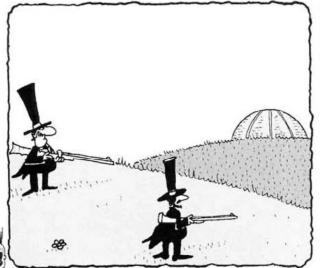


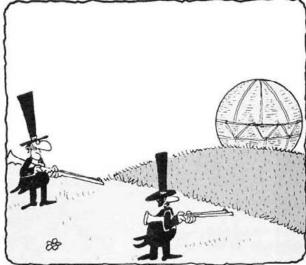


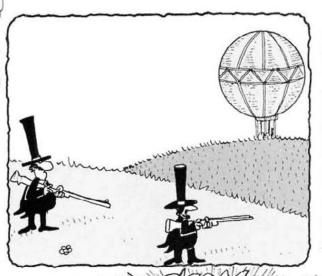


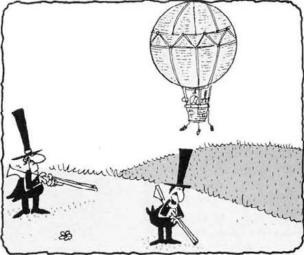
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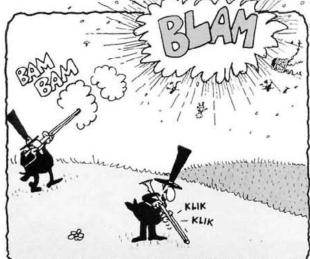
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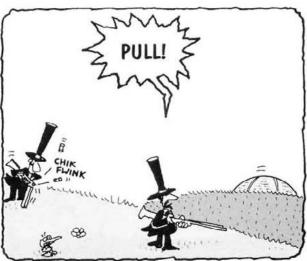








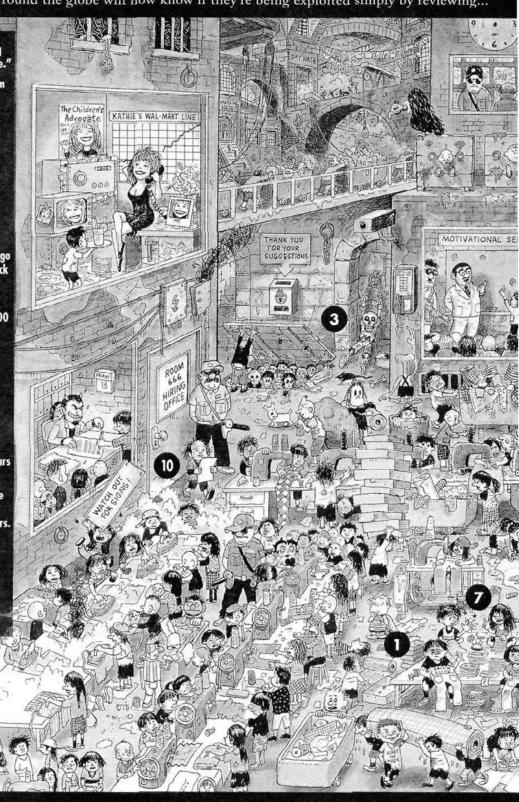




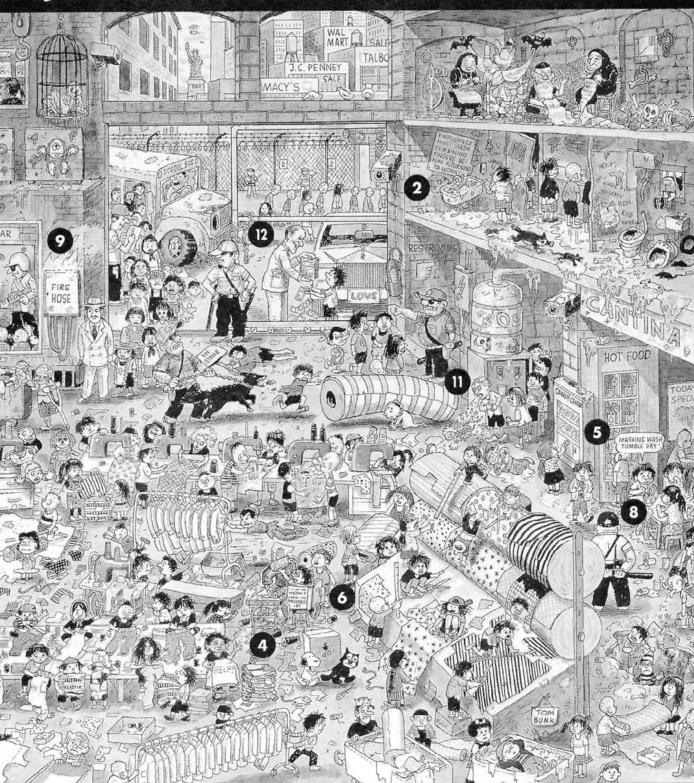
A STITCH IN CRIME DEPT.

Kathie Lee Gifford has come under fire lately for mistreating children! She's been accused of using sweatshop labor to churn out her cheap, third-rate clothing line! Sensing that the public has turned on her, Kathie Lee is leading the charge to end this cruel exploitation forever! Thanks to Ms. Gifford, impoverished children in Third World countries 'round the globe will now know if they're being exploited simply by reviewing...

- 1. You put in a 12-hour day sewing on labels that read, "Kalvin Cline."
- 2. The sign in the company restroom reads, "EMPLOYEES MUST WASH REMAINING FINGERS BEFORE RETURNING TO WORK!"
- The last person to use the suggestion box hasn't been seen in months.
- You find yourself surreptitiously stitching the word "HELP" across the back of every third denim jacket.
- After six fifteen-hour days, you go out and blow your entire paycheck on a couple packs of Twinkies.
- 6. The last book you read was
 "Threading the Singer Series 6500
 Stitch-Rite For Dummies."
- You're envious because the guy next to you owns his own thimble.
- 8. Your command of the English language is limited to the following phrase: "Machine wash/tumble dry."
- The frequent motivational seminars usually involve live ammo.
- 10. Your résumé indicates that you're 12-years-old with eight years of experience steam-pleating Dockers.
- The gossip at the water cooler centers around why the water is a deep beige.
- 12. Frank Gifford is handing you money and you haven't even washed his car.



Kathie 12 WARNING SIGNS THAT YOU'RE Lee's 12 WORKING IN A SWEATSHOP



UTTERED NONSENSE DEPT.

"What—me worry?" "Read my lips" and "That'll be \$35, Hugh." Not too tough to pair the quote with the celebrity, is it? On the other hand, you could spend a lifetime trying to match the stars with these...

JIM CARREY

this scene.

it's stupid!

I want to be

known for my

acting ability.

not making

goofy faces

and noises!

I'd like to

thank the

Academy...

(19)

SNOOP DOGGY DOGG

Hey, hey, fellows
— show the ladies
some respect!

Ooops, that doesn't rhyme!

Yes, Officer, happy to oblige!

I can't do BILL GATES

We can't ship this software — it doesn't work right!

...but it's gotta be compatible with everything else on the market!

> Let's not be greedy!

GERALDO RIVERA

...but enough about the O.J. Trial!

Listen, pal, you can peddle your slimy celebrity "tell all" book somewhere else:

Sure, it would get viewers to tune in —but that doesn't make it right!

ANNA NICOLE SMITH

I could never marry a man I didn't love!

> Just don't make them TOO big, Doctor!

I'm going to a funeral, I need something dignified to wear!

BARBRA STREISAND

Rainforest, schmainforest!

Keep the ticket prices affordable; it's not like I need the money!

Wait, let's hear what the Republican side is!

YOU CAN BET WERE BET WERE SA HOWARD STERN

COURTNEY LOVE

Lean't go

out looking

like this!

I can't be doin'

drugs anymore

Lemme check my makeup!

I'm a mother!

JOHNNIE COCHRAN

All I'm interested in is the Truth!

Sure, I could play the "race card"but it would be very wrong!

Let the other lawyers play to the TV cameras: not me!

NEWT GINGRICH

Maybe we should study this social program before we eliminate it!

Give me a minute to think before I answer that question!

Now hold on. Rev. Jackson has a point!

BILL CLINTON

Can we talk

about something

besides sex?

...but enough

about me!

Don Imus?

the man is

a genius!

Sorry, Miss. but I'm a married man!

I'm not going to back down!

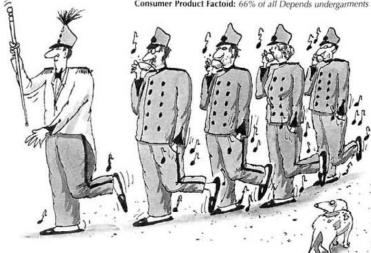
Forget about what the opinion polls say!

ALEX TREREK

Oooh, it's not in the form of a question but... what the beek!

Judging from the scores, it looks like today's Final Jeopardy is going to be a big waste of time!

I don't know how to pronounce it so I won't even try!



Sousa's March #29 in C Sharp for Hot Coffee Slurps, Pocket Change Jingling and Slipper Shuffles

GREAT COMPOSE THAT NEVER

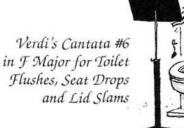
BODACIOUS CANTATAS DEPT.

Every musical artist fails occasionally!
Some — like Michael
Bolton, Kenny G and
Yanni — always fail!
Yep, it can happen to the best of 'em! Don't believe us? Then check out these...

ARTIST AND WRITER: TOM CHENEY



Shostakovich's Andante #3 in D Sharp Minor for Root Canal Drill and Saliva Siphon









Vivaldi's Adagio #2 in B Major for Sleeping Bag Zippers



Bach's
Chromatic
Fantasia and
Fugue in
E Flat for
Knuckle Cracks,
Armpit Squelches
and Knee Pops





Brahms' Duet #14 in B Flat Minor for Fat Girls in Squeaky Chairs





Debussy's Sonata #15 in G for Plungers on Linoleum

PLANNING AHEAD





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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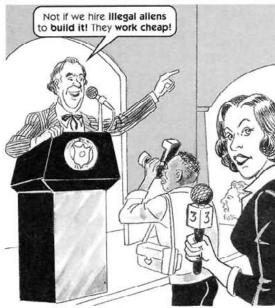


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POLITICS

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG





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SUSPICION







GROWTH



THERAPY



OBSERVATION

Consumer Product Factoid: 0% of all Lysol is used in your school's bathroom.





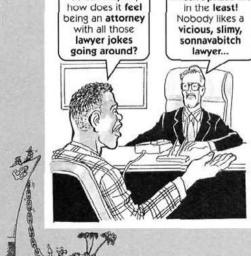
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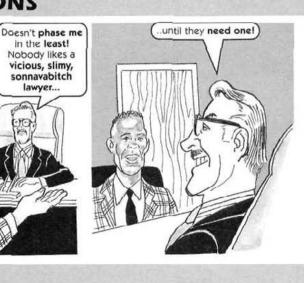


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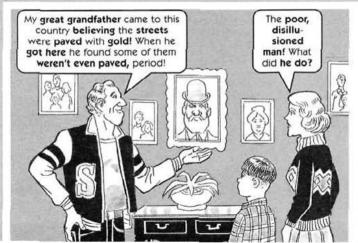
So tell me, Bill,







ROOTS







GOOD FORTUNE





DOCTORS





Stars are used to being looked at, and their fans certainly love looking at 'em! But once in a while, there'll be fans who require close observation themselves! If you've ever considered shooting the President in order to impress Jodie Foster, or Foster Brooks, or even Mel Brooks, you really need to study the fine line that will tell you when...



when you're their biggest fan...

...you have a very special place in your heart for that celebrity.





but you
just might
be a
stalker
if...

...you have a very special place in your cellar for that celebrity.



but you
just might
be a
stalker
if...

...your map has all the escape routes and unlocked windows clearly marked.

when you're their biggest fan...

...you feel a personal connection to the liner notes and lyrics that come along with your favorite singer's newest CD.



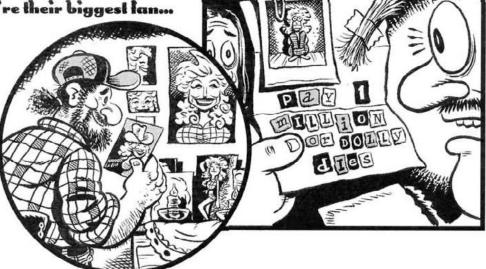


but you just might be a stalker ::

...you look at the shiny side of the CD and wonder why the singer always puts your face on them.

when you're their biggest lan...

...you view a lock of hair or a photograph as a good way for you to feel close to her.



but you just might bea stalker if...

...you view those things as an unbelievably good way for you to convince her family you've got her.

when you're their biggest fan...

...you share their hatred of those sleazy tabloid reporters who constantly harass them to get a cheap headline.





but you just might be a stalker if...

... you see the hidden slurs and insults against them contained in every "Family Circus."





but you just might be a stalker :

... they distribute photos of you.

when you're their biggest fan...

...you're inspired by their long struggle to rise to the top of the entertainment world.





but you just might bea stalker if...

...you're inspired by their long struggle to get out of the burlap sack you've crammed them into.





but you just might be a stalker if...

...they start a fact file about you at Interpol. when you're their biggest fan... ...you go "SOMEDAY YOU WILL FIND ME. CAUGHT BETWEEN A LANDSUDE AND A CHAMPAGNE SUPERHOVA IN THE SKY... over the lyries of their songs, again and SO TRUE! again.

but you just might be a stalker if...

... you go over the walls of their estate. again and again.

when you're their biggest fan...

... You sometimes like to close your eyes and pretend that they're singing that song especially for you.





but you just might bea stalker if...

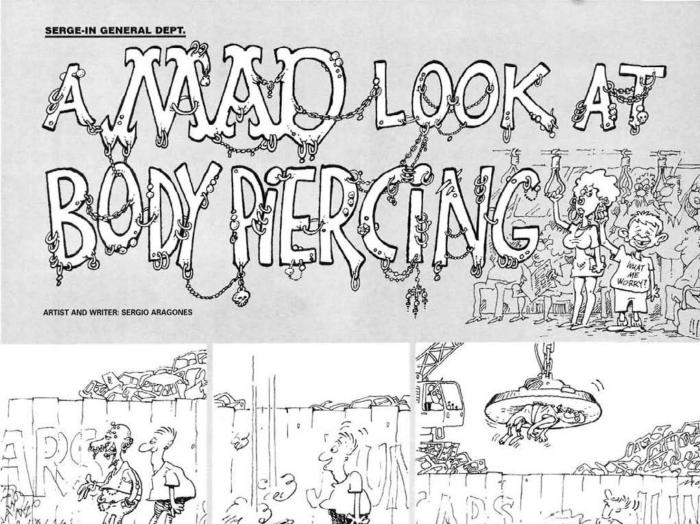
...you giggle because only you understand how they really feel when they call you by one of your secret pet names, like "baby," "you," or "the."





but you just might be a stalker :...

...vou wait outside the studio, hoping for one clear head shot.

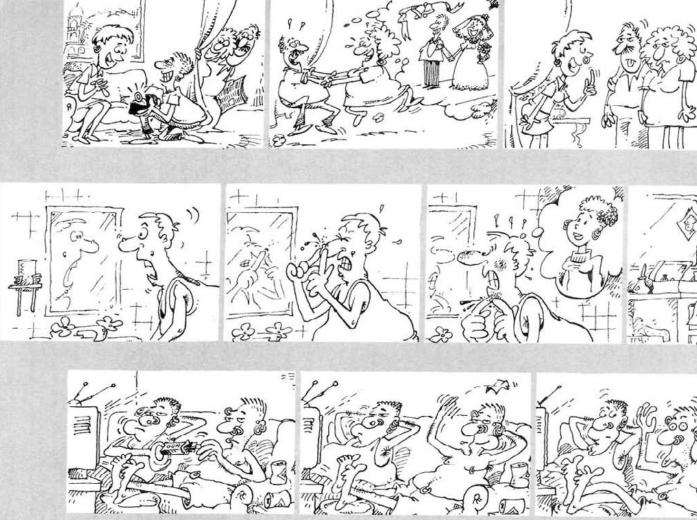


Consumer Product Factoid: 12% of all Tang is consumed by ex-astronauts who can't admit that they have a real problem.

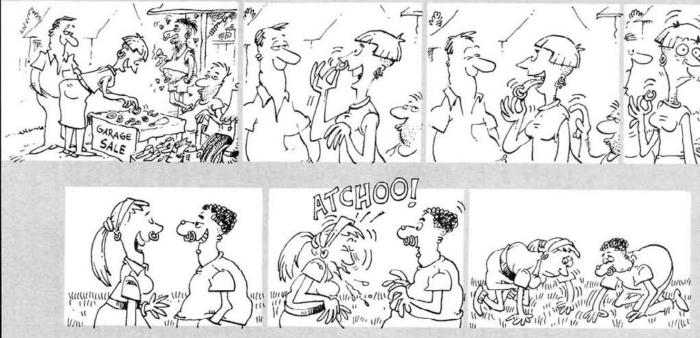
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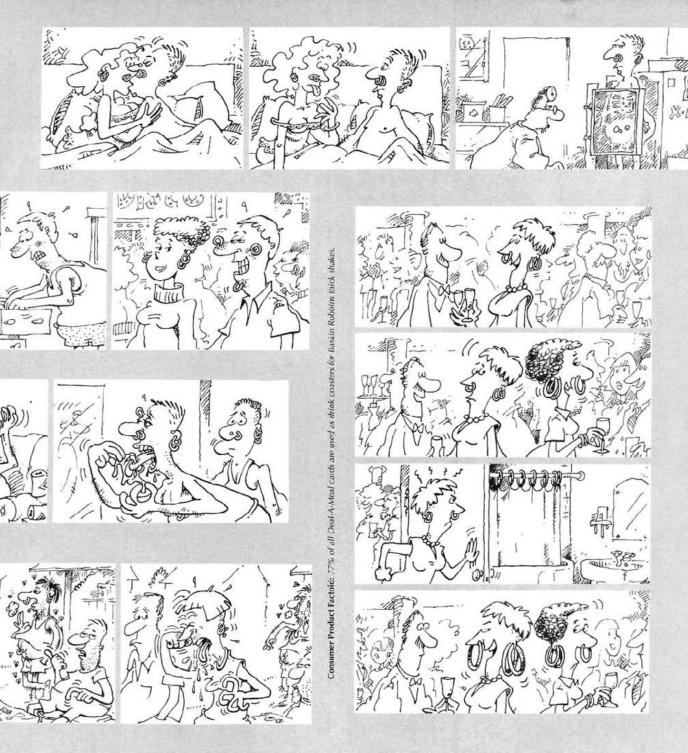
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Consumer Product Factoid: 97% of all Mylar plasticene sheets are used to keep 1995 Chipper Jones cards in absolute perfect mint condition — so they'll always be worth not a penny less than the other 3,000,000 mint cards out there.









management whose boneheaded ideas and mismanage-

ment got the company in trouble in the first place!



...while spending the minimum amount of money on the actual kids who handle the job!

EXECUTIVE DERISION DEPT.

There's a good reason why you'll never make it in the business world, and it has nothing to do with your intelligence (or lack thereof, Peabrain)! Your problem is that you don't think like a big shot corporate exec! Remember, being a misguided, moronic pinhead isn't enough! You have to be a misguided, moronic pinhead who's stupid enough to spend truckloads of money to carry out your worst ideas! You'll see what we mean in...

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...while stressing them out by raising their rates every three months!

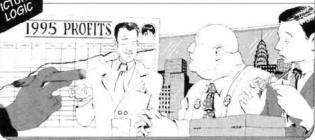


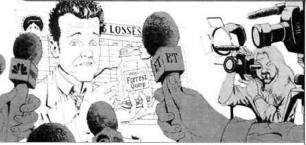


...while spending next to nothing to keep them in working order!

GMB ARTIST: TIMOTHY SHAMEY WRITER: BARRY LIEBMANN

Expend all your efforts on getting banks to invest in your company...





...while announcing to the whole world that a movie grossing \$500 million lost money!

Lambaste celebrities who use their





...while selling your name to the Fox Network for their latest SNL rip-off!

MARRED ATTACKS! DEPT Open the window I calculated the Damn, they must distance of those be making some There's an unknown force taking over all the major cities, racket up strange noises destroying everything in its path. And this time it's not we've been hearing there for Donald Trump! No, this force is so sinister, so scary that everyone on earth is rushing out to the drugstore to stock up on the only product that can help them now! at 240,000 miles us to be away! I think able to hear they're coming them from You guessed it, buckeroa! No doubt about it ... from the moon! down here! Advanced Satellite Institute To Look For Stuff In The Sky Sounds like the work The boys from Air of those bastard Traffic Control electric utilities! say some dark, They warned us menacing object they'd get even is hovering over if we didn't give city after city. them that last plunging them into rate increase! total darkness! TARBUCK

and tell them to hold down

that noise!

Some people

on Earth

are trying

to sleep!

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

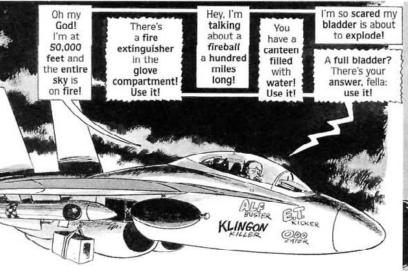
ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES







There is mass hysteria everywhere! We should know, CNN helped create it! If you're not hysterical yet, think about this: there's a big, scary thing in the sky approaching! It's moving too slowly to be a comet or a meteor! But it's not as slow-moving as the plot for this moviel An AWACKY plane has been sent up to investigate! If you want your friends to see you on TV, this is a good time to get out on the streets and panic for our cameras!

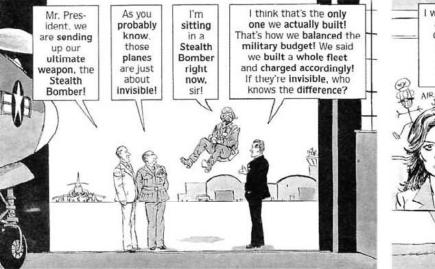


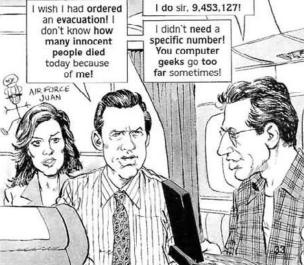


You mean

I'm Conjob Holdbook, the







Macy's really out-

did themselves!

This is some

fireworks show!

know, and this is only

July 3rd! Imagine what

it's going to be like

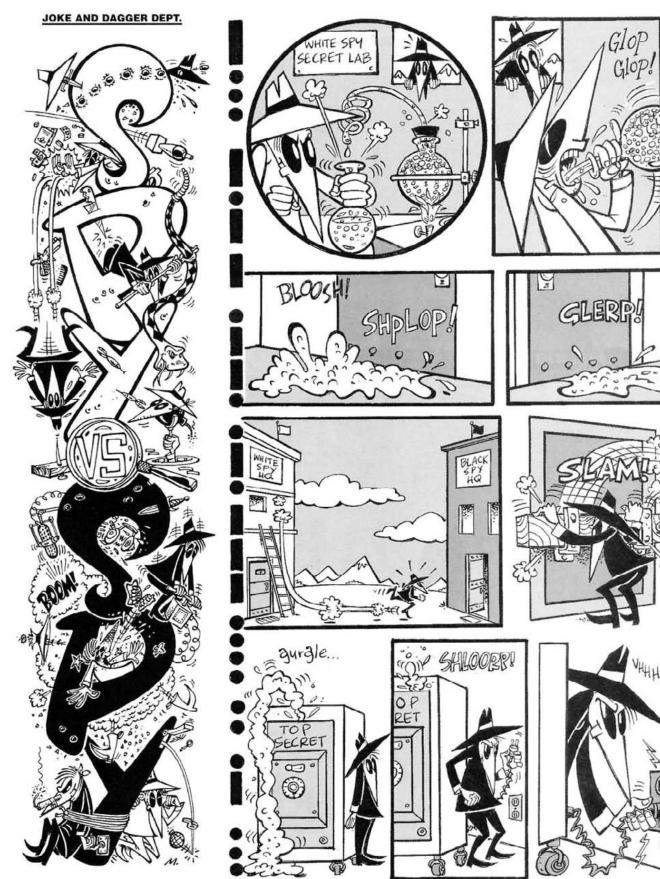
tomorrow night. July 4th!













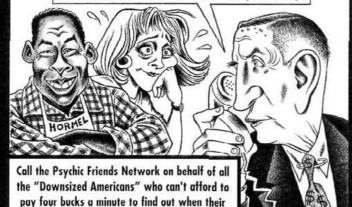
First it was Ross Perot, then it was Steve Forbes. Hell, if having obscene amounts of money is the only criteria for running for political office Michael

BETTER THINGS BILLIONAIRES CAN DO TO



Purchase all the tickets to concerts in advance and then sell them to people at face value so fans won't have to pay scalpers' prices.

So you see Bill Fibbers getting hired back by the Hormel meat plant in July? Okey dokey! Now we're getting somewhere! Now what do you see in your crystal ball for a lady named Mary Chumley?



lives are finally going to turn around.

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITER: ANDREW J. SCHWARTZBERG

Purchase AT&T,
Sprint and MCI
and merge
them into one
long distance
company so we
never have to
hear their
annoying,
sniveling,
arrogant
commercials
ever again.





Buy the rights to every now-defunct sitcom ever made and don't ever sell them so we don't have to run the risk of seeing the film versions of Joanie Loves Chachi, Amen, Aftermash or The Facts of Life.



HELP THE U.S.A. THAN RUN FOR PRESIDENT

Sponsor
every
starving
child in the
Third World
so we never
have to
see Sally
Struthers
fill our TV
screens
again.





Start a laser surgery fund for the millions of Generation X-ers who are going to want their faded out, pathetic looking tattoos removed thirty years from now.

Here's my Visa account number. I pledge to cover the whole shebang! Now let's get back to that little Kermit fellow! And hey, don't forget to send me one of them there tote bags!



TONIGHT'S GOAL 750 ZILLION

Whenever PBS interrupts a show during a pledge drive, call up right away and donate the exact amount they need to reach their goal so they can get back to the program.

You know, Scully, maybe the truth isn't out there after all! How in tarnation do you get this gizmo to program one of these VCR do-hickeys?
I think my crazy aunt in the attic designed this thing!



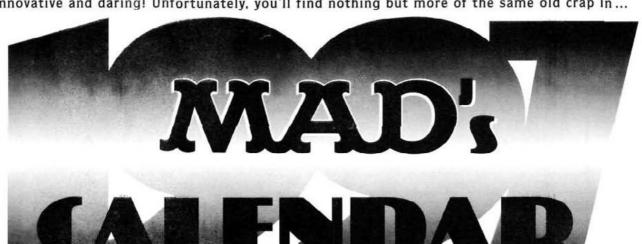
Videotape The X-Files for everyone in the country who wants to go out on Friday nights.



Purchase all the firearms west of Ohio to prevent any more militia standoffs.

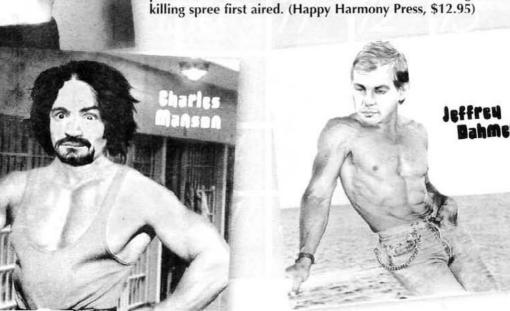
COMING APART AT THE THEMES DEPT.

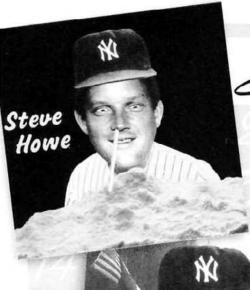
Everyone loves a good calendar, but the truth is they're hard to find. Enough already with the Fabio, Garfield, Sierra Club, Cheerleaders Of The Yucatan crap! We want something new, something bold, innovative and daring! Unfortunately, you'll find nothing but more of the same old crap in...



CALENDAR PREVIEW

Jaychopaths with the unprecedented success of the Studmuffins of Science and Garbagemen of Connecticut calendars, this one promises to be a drop-dead best seller among the ladies. Sexy Psychopaths features 12 of history's most deranged, pumped-up losers, all well-tanned, well-oiled and well-rested. Each month highlights a different lunatic and the dates of his gruesome killing spree, the date of his execution/parole and the date the made-for-TV movie about his gruesome





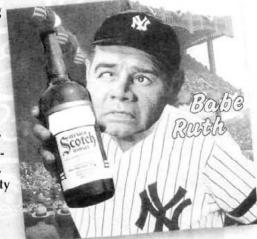
New York Yankees
Substance Abusers

A II the legendary Bronx Bombers are here from Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Billy

Martin to Darryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden and Steve Howe. Lifetime statistics for each Yankee alcoholic, pothead or cocaine addict

include Batting Average, Grams Snorted, Runs Batted In, Bong

Hits Taken,
Earned Run
Average, Fifths
Consumed and
Organs Destroyed. Includes
monthly cocktail
recipes by former
Yankees first baseman/drunk driver,
Joe Pepitone. (Betty
Ford Licensing,
\$17.95)



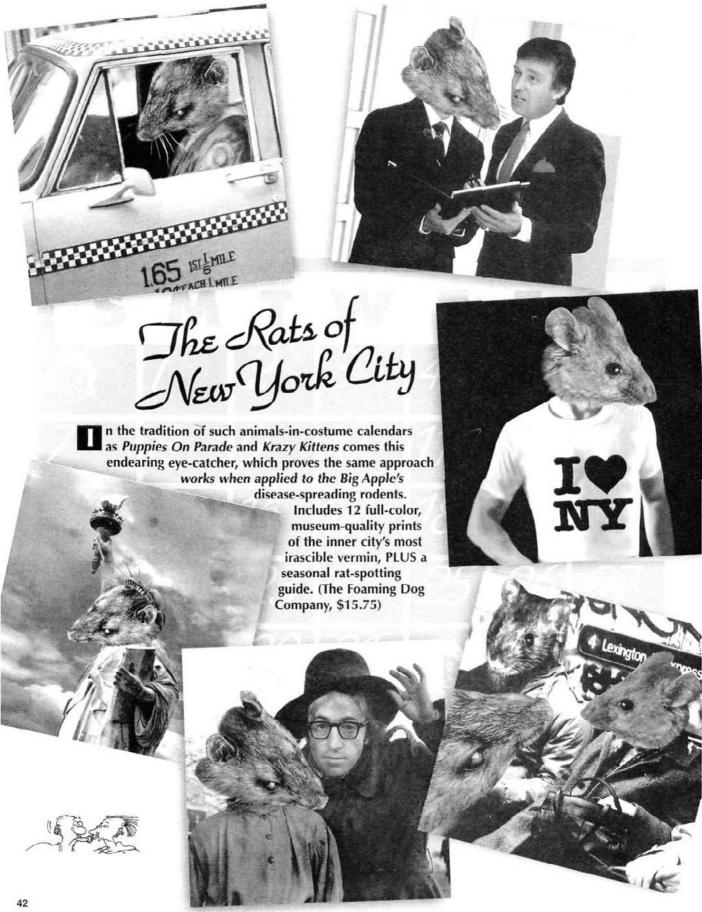


Captain, Kirk's Star Trek Movie Joupees

his most recent desperate attempt

to squeeze every last cent out of the popularity of Star Trek comes up a winner! Each month spotlights a different and actual hairpiece worn by the beloved and excessively vain William Shatner. Included is the classic mussed-up toupee from tussling with Ricardo Montalban in Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan and the infamous dripping wet toupee from the underwater whale scenes in Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home. A bonus 13th month shows an impressive selection of wigs Shatner donned as host of Rescue 911. (Rocket Man Press, \$16.95)



























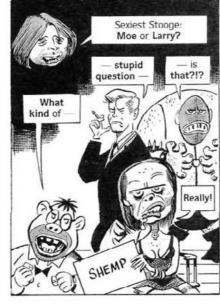




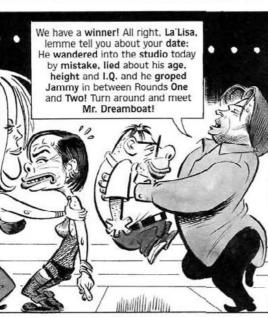












It's not for them.

it's for us! We

have to do what-





Aw.

that's

not much





probably haven't figured out how to use the remote yet!

People who'll

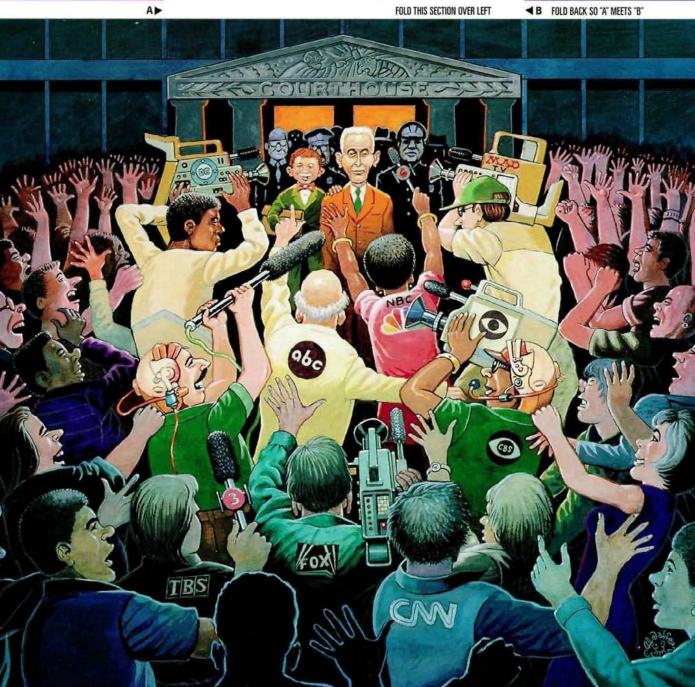
watch this

WHAT IS FAST REPLACING DR. KEVORKIAN AS THE NUMBER ONE MEANS OF ASSISTED SUICIDE?

MAD FOLD-IN

Every few months Dr. Kevorkian (AKA Dr. Death) appears in the news either after helping a terminally ill person commit suicide or because he is on trial for his participation. These days, however, Dr. K has some outside competition. To find out how people are killing themselves without Dr. Kevorkian's help, fold page in as shown.





PAINFUL ILLNESS USED TO BE THE FORE-MOST REASON FOR SUICIDE. NOW CRAZIES ARE ACHING TO GET THEMSELVES OFFED JUST FOR FUN

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE There's been much debate recently over whether students in public schools should be forced to adhere to a standardized dress code. Supporters believe it would reduce violence and encourage kids to have more respect for others (mainly, the ones enforcing the dress code)! Opponents insist it would be a violation of the students' freedom of expression. Well, we think we can make both sides of this profoundly unimportant issue happy with...

MAD'S MANDATORY SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR THE '90s

Nicotine Patch to Feed Cigarette Addiction

> Extra Large Pockets for Beeper and Cellular Phone

Buckle to Attach Sony Discman for Listening Pleasure During Classes

Plastic Zipper to Prevent Triggering of Metal Detectors and Subsequent Unnecessary Frisking

Knee Pads to Break Fall When Dodging Stray Bullets

Air Holes to Prevent Chafing from Nipple Rings Convenient Opening to Draw Blood for Random

Drug Tests

Puffy Sleeves for Easy Application of Handcuffs by School Security

Handy Pouch to Hold Condoms Distributed by School Officials

I.V. Hookup for Administerina Liquid Prozac Into Ankle Vein of Brooding Youth

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE WRITER: ANDREW J. SCHWARTZBERG